

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1667
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2003
REQUEST OF A.P. FOR EXEMPTION IN ROYALTY
B.K. PARTHASARATHI;GANTA SRINIVASA RAO

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought exemption of royalty and licence fee, payable to the Union Government on very high frequency radio sets/shore communication stations used by the fishermen; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto and the relief proposed to be given to fishermen in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Ministry of Communications charges a licence fee of Rs.100/- and royalty of Rs.4800/- per annum per link for communications over a distance of 50 to 60 Kms. But for fishing vessels, only 250/- per annum per vessels as licence fee (no royalty) which is quite moderate, is charged for issue of Maritime Mobile Station licence.